

ABIOMED INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
AUSTEN W GERALD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE

(Street)

DANVERS, MA 01923

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABIOMED INC [ABMD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value   |                                      |  |                                |   | 48,200  | D  |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 4.71  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/06/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> | 05/22/2013      | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 19.69   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/09/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/09/2010      | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 18.4  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/08/2011      | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 5.15  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/13/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/13/2013      | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 10.41   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/11/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/11/2014      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 10.06   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/09/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/10/2015      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 13.21   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/08/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/09/2016      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 12.69   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 08/13/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/08/2017      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$ 18.63   | 08/13/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 12,000   |   | 08/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/13/2018      | Common Stock | 12,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AUSTEN W GERALD<br>C/O ABIOMED, INC.<br>22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE<br>DANVERS, MA 01923 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| /s/Daniel J Sutherby (by power of attorney)    | 08/15/2008          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under ABIOMED, Inc. 1989 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in full on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

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